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" (d) Total strength of District Registrars—36.

Number of Muslims among them—3."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Sir, why the claims of Muslims for these temporary appointments were not considered? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" For the temporary appointments, claims of Muslims were considered. Two Muslims' names have since been included in the approved list of District Registrars."

SRI S. B. ADITHYAN :—" May I know, Sir, why the Congress Government should reserve any posts at all for ex-service men? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not know, Sir, why the Congress Government should not reserve posts for ex-service men."

Inspecting Textile Commissioners.

* 138 Q.—SRI S. RM. RAMANATHAM CHETTIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of the Inspecting Textile Commissioners recently appointed ; and

(b) how many of them belong to Andhra and Tamilnad and how many of them are Christians, Muhammadans, Scheduled Castes, Brahmans and Non-Brahmans?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) Nineteen Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners were appointed recently.

" (b) Out of the 19 Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners, eight belong to Tamilnad, nine to Andhra Desa, one to South Kanara and one to Malabar.

Christians	Nil.
Muhammadans	2
Scheduled Castes ..	1
Non-Brahmans	8
Brahmans	8."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, how many are from Royalaseema districts? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" From the information available in the file I am not able to give the information at present. I shall call for the information."

MR. K. O. ANTHONI :—" May I know what are the qualifications prescribed for these officers? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" There are no special qualifications prescribed. I think the capacity of each person was ascertained before he was appointed."

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K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know how many of them are officials and how many are non-officials; and if non-officials were appointed, what are their qualifications? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" From the information available I cannot answer that question. I will call for the information."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether all the nineteen were directly recruited, or some of them were promoted from the services? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I cannot answer that question off hand. I will call for the information."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is it not possible to redress the injustice done to Royalaseema districts now by making additional appointments? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" In this connexion I may submit, Sir, that these appointments are temporary and have been made to facilitate work. Distribution of yarn in the presidency had to be taken up immediately the scheme was framed by Government. So to implement the policy of Government these appointments had necessarily to be made without going into the question of communal representation and all that sort of thing. But I can assure hon. Members that Government will certainly try to see all areas, communities and interests are properly represented."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether applications were invited, or applicants were invited? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I cannot answer that question." (Laughter.)

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that offers were made by the Government for the persons appointed? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think the Hon. Minister has said that he cannot answer that question."

The Madras Handloom Weavers' Provincial Society.

* 139 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Madras Handloom Weavers' Provincial Society passed some amendments to the by-laws relating to the composition of the Board and the Executive Committee ;

(*b*) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the competent authority to register the amendments, was directed by the Government not to register them and, if so, what were the reasons for the interference of the Government ;

(*c*) whether under the Madras Co-operative Societies Act, the Registrar of Co-operative Societies is the ultimate authority to register amendments and appeal lies to Government only in cases of refusal ;